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RUDTC/AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE 026
RUEHMD/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE 025
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2. THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED VOICE OF THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION'S FAILURE TO CONFIRM A NEW CEASEFIRE IN SANANDAJ DURING EARLY MORNING NEWSCASTS LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT FIGHTING PROBABLY CONTINUES THERE, REPEATED BROADCASTS OF AYATOLLAH TALEGHANI'S APPEAL TO THE KURDS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS, FIRST MADE EVENING MARCH 20 AND AGAIN THIS MORNING, WOULD ALSO INDICATE THIS. REFERRING TO THE KURDS AS FELLOW IRANIANS AND CO-RELIGIONISTS, TALEGHANI SAID THAT THEIR LEGITIMATE DEMANDS WOULD BE MET AND THAT AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI IS PREPARED TO SEND A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO KURDESTAN TO LOOK INTO THEIR GRIEVANCES.

3. WE DOUBT THAT SENDING A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM KHOMEINI WILL HAVE MUCH EFFECT. KHOMEINI, BAZARGAN AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAVE ALREADY SENT PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO KURDESTAN AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS WITH CONCENTRATIONS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES. RECEPTION OF THESE DELECATIONS HAVE RANGED FROM COOL TO DOWNRIGHT HOSTLIE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING MORE AND MORE REPORTS OF UNREST

AMONG VARIOUS OF IRAN'S ETHNIC MINORITIES, INCLUDING THE AZARBAIJANI TURKS (BEING REPORTED SETTEL). WE SUSPECT THIS PHONOMENON WILL INCREASE IN INTENSITY , AND POS A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM INDEED FOR THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT .

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